



## Community News and Events

### Budget Update:

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, the California State Legislature voted on two Budget proposals – the [Governor's Budget](#) and the [California Jobs Budget](#) offered by the Assembly and Senate Democratic Caucuses. Both budgets did not receive the constitutional requirement of a two-thirds vote majority established by voters.

With the budget now 64 days past due, it is critical for the future of California to approve a budget that reflects the values and priorities of the majority of California's families.

The **California Jobs Budget** protects 430,000 jobs from elimination, provides funding for all levels of education and making higher education accessible for every Californian. It maintains safety net programs such as Healthy Families, Childcare, CalWorks, IHSS, Adult Day Healthcare, Mental Health and **Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP)** programs. The California Jobs Budget would also provide \$133 million in funding to state parks and supply \$931 million in financial support to cities, counties and special districts to assist their budget challenges and avoid layoffs to critical public service jobs, such as police officers and firefighters. Additionally, the California Jobs Budget reduces prison health care costs, authorizes judicial courts to remain open full time, and reforms the tax structure by lowering total taxes at all income levels while generating revenues for the state and reducing federal tax bills.

The **Governor's Budget – May Revision** would eliminate more than 430,000 jobs in California putting more families and communities into economic hardship. It suspends Proposition 98 for K-14 schools and under funds educational institutions by billions of dollars. The governor's plan also increases University of California fees on students by 15% and California State University fees by 10%. Additionally, his budget proposal would entirely eliminate safety net and human services programs such as childcare, CalWorks, Adult Day Health Care and severely reduce funding for IHSS and **Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment** placing its recipients at great risk. At the same time, the governor's budget proposes moving state prisoners from state prisons to county jails. This move could cause county jails to release their current prisoners early due to overcrowding and lack of state funding. Although the state would save \$200 million moving the prisoners, local governments would incur these costs and potential safety risks.

As your representative in the State Assembly, I voted in favor of the California Jobs Budget and voted against the Governor's Budget. Although we face the deepest recession since the greatest depression, I know we can pass a budget that better reflects our values and meets the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. Please let me know your thoughts by contacting my district office at (510) 583-8818.

## Legislature Sends 10 More Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Bills to Governor, 5 Others Have Already Been Chaptered into Law

### **AB 498 – Veteran License Plate – POW**



At the request of a relative of a former prisoner of war (POW) veteran living in the 18<sup>th</sup> District, Assemblymember Hayashi authored AB 498, which provides a former prisoner of war the choice of receiving either a POW identified vehicle license plate or a special veteran license plate without their POW status stated.

The POW would still remain exempt from paying state registration and vehicle fees without having to recall their wartime experiences when in contact with the general public.

### **AB 583 - Health care practitioners: disclosure of education**



AB 583 increases consumer protection by requiring health care practitioners to disclose their license type, highest level of educational degree, and their board certification to patients either in writing at a patient's first visit or by prominently posting the information in their offices.

AB 583 will help consumers make better informed health care decisions.

### **AB 658 - Taxpayer contributions: California Police Activities League**



AB 658 allows individuals to donate to the California Police Activities League (CALPAL) on their personal income tax return to help fund educational and recreational programs to more than 300,000 youth ages five to 18.

Headquartered in San Leandro, CALPAL has 130 volunteer run local chapters throughout the state and is the state's largest juvenile crime prevention program. Law enforcement officers serve as role models, coaches, tutors, mentors, chaperones, and program managers. This bill was sponsored by the Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League.

### **AB 1235 – Medical Peer Review**



AB 1235 improves the medical peer review system for physicians and surgeons in California to ensure quality healthcare for patients. Medical peer review is the process by which physicians evaluate their colleagues' practice to determine compliance with the standard of care.

The current peer review system has certain weaknesses that this bill will fix. For example, improper or biased review can be used to remove physicians for non quality of care concerns, or peer review can be delayed to the point that patients are placed in danger. This bill allows external peer review in certain circumstances to allow an unbiased perspective, and permits peer review bodies among hospitals to safely share their records. The sharing provisions afford a greater understanding of a physician's practice across time, and protect peer review bodies from liability for sharing their records.

### **AB 1524 – The Dental Practice Act**



AB 1524 creates a new dental licensing exam that increases the quality of patient care by continuously evaluating dental students' abilities, rather than a final, one-time test. Dental care is important for our overall health and wellbeing, and ensuring that our oral health providers are properly trained is critical to consumer protection.

The present clinical examination for dentists is administered over 3 days, costs each applicant over \$2,000, and requires the participation of a volunteer patient provided by the student. Supplying this last element has been especially problematic for dental students, as finding an appropriate test subject raises practical and medical ethical issues. The new test will be less expensive and provide a better, continuous evaluation of students' skills.

### **AB 1596 – Victims' Safety: Protective Orders**



Sponsored by the Judicial Council of California, this bill helps protect victims of civil harassment, workplace violence, elder and dependent adult abuse, school site violence and domestic violence. The bill implements recommendations from the Protective Orders Working Group for statutory procedural changes to the protective orders statutes, which are intended to provide more clarity and consistency for requests for protective orders.

The current protective order statutes are important in protecting individuals in many different types of cases; however, the statutes evolved in a piecemeal fashion over a number of years. AB 1596 will create greater consistency in procedures and practices, eliminate unnecessary statutory differences, fill-in procedural gaps, clarify uncertain matters, provide appropriate cross-references, and generally improve the statutes that relate to protective orders.



### **AB 1647 – Certified Athletic Trainers – Athlete Safety**

AB 1647 requires persons holding themselves out as a "certified athletic trainer" to have specified training and certification. Athletic trainers help prevent and treat injuries for people of all ages. Recognized by the American Medical Association as allied health professionals, athletic trainers specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of muscle and bone injuries and illnesses.

The majority of certified athletic trainers in California work in a school setting including four-year universities and colleges, community colleges and high schools. It has been estimated that more than six million high school students participate in sports nationwide. Over 715,000 sports related injuries occur annually and in just the last two years, over 125 middle and

high school athletes have died as a result of an injury. California alone suffered 18 fatalities. AB 1647 will give parents comfort in knowing that their child's athletic trainer for football, soccer, or wrestling is certified and has the knowledge to assess, prevent, and/or treat an injury if it occurs.

### **AB 1980 – Veterinary Medicine**



AB 1980 improves animal welfare by making several important changes to the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act. AB 1980 makes it easier for attending rodeo veterinarians to meet required animal injury reporting to the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) and provides immunity to veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians who assist animals in a state of emergency or disaster.

Additionally, the bill extends the sunset date of the VMB, increases the membership of the VMB to allow a Registered Veterinary Technician to have a voice on the board, and improves training requirements for assistants using radiographic equipment.

### **AB 2104 – California State Board of Pharmacy**



This bill provides transparency and greater accountability to consumers with regards to the Board of Pharmacy. It requires the Board to obtain approval from the director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) when choosing an executive officer to oversee its operations.

This additional oversight function on the part of the DCA provides additional protections that assure that the Board of Pharmacy is operating with the consumers' best interests in mind.



### **AB 2275 – Non-Covered Dental Benefits**

AB 2275 increases consumer access to dental care by prohibiting dental insurance plans from setting fees for procedures that they do not cover.

Some dental plans have set fees for benefits they do not cover, requiring dentists to choose between accepting fee caps for non-covered services and incurring a loss, or not providing the service.

When dental insurance plans set fees for non-covered benefits, dentists are often unable to offer a full range of dental services to their patients. This bill prohibits that practice thus allowing dentists to provide a broad range of services.

### **Chaptered into Law**

### **ACR 146 – Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, and Officer John Hege Memorial Bridge**



Last year, Assemblymember Hayashi authored ACR 79 naming I-580 throughout Castro Valley as the Sergeant Daniel Sakai Memorial Freeway. Sergeant Sakai, a Castro Valley resident, was one of four Oakland Police Officers killed in the line of duty on March 21, 2009. This year in remembrance of the other three fallen Oakland Police Officers killed in the line of duty on that tragic day, Assemblymember Hayashi authored [ACR 146](#) naming the Keller Avenue Bridge crossing I-580 in Oakland as the Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, and Officer John Hege Memorial Bridge.

Since these fallen heroes lived in communities throughout the East Bay including Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties, Keller Avenue Bridge was chosen due to the freeway's proximity to the Oakland community served by these three Oakland Police Officers.

Private donations are required to post the memorial signs recognizing these fallen heroes. For more information, please contact the Oakland Police Officers Association at (510) 834-9670.

### **AB 142 – Increased Educational Funding through State Lottery**



AB 142 increases public school funding by hundreds of millions of dollars annually by raising prize payouts and sales of the California State Lottery.

This bill brings California's lottery payout figures inline with other large state lottery systems by allowing the California Lottery to adopt policies to increase sales and earn more money for schools.

### **AB 1514 – Financial Transparency Of Political Campaign Mailers**

This law requires additional disclosures for political campaign mailers by providing voters with information that will allow them to identify the individual or group that paid for a political message.

Sponsored by the Secretary of State, this bill will increase transparency by requiring political committees and slate mailers to report financial contributions in the same way as state candidates and state ballot measure committees.

### **AB 1762 – Home Loan Modifications – “Advance Fee” Clarification**



This law resolves confusion about recently enacted real estate reforms by clarifying the definition of “advance fees” to allow real estate agents to accept payment from consumers for real estate listings, advertisements, promotions, and other legitimate transactions.

Recent legislation created consumer and industry confusion regarding the effect, scope, and applicability of the law, including concern that payment for advertisements and legitimate transactions were unintentionally included.

### **AB 1783 – Licensed Dentist - Change of Location**



This law helps dentists provide needed dental care services to Medi-Cal patients by streamlining the process for a dentist in the Medi-Cal program when they move their office location and register a new address.

This bill allows the dentist to simply file a change of location form in lieu of submitting another complete Medi-Cal application package.

AB 1783 mirrors legislation authored in 2007 (AB 1226) that simplified the same process for Medi-Cal-participating physicians.

## Healthy Aging Fair in Hayward Enjoyed by Hundreds of Seniors



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi held a mobile district office at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Aging Fair at Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Hundreds of seniors from throughout Alameda County came to the annual event to receive free health screenings, meet organizations and agencies that serve their needs, and enjoy local entertainment.

Staff was available at the fair to assist seniors with state related issues, provide resource guides, and inform them of the services this Assembly office provides.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ADA Celebrated in Hayward



The City of Hayward, Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL), and the Center for Independent Living (CIL) marked the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26<sup>th</sup> with a celebration recognizing the great strides ADA has made in the lives of disabled citizens.

CRIL and CIL were instrumental in promoting the passage of this historic legislation, which provides for the civil rights and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in housing, public and private facilities, telecommunications, and employment. The festival included information and displays of services, programs, adaptive technology, service animal demonstrations, and ADA awards. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored CRIL for their active role by authoring an Assembly Resolution that recognizes their historical work to bring disability issues more into the mainstream and change perceptions, practices and

standards to the benefit of all California's citizens. Happy 20<sup>th</sup>!

## Alameda County Receives \$6 million for Three New Mental Health Programs



Alameda County was awarded nearly \$6 million for three new Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs approved by the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHOAC) on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The first program expands mental health integration for older adults within central Alameda County. A Geriatric Assessment and Response Team (GART) will provide service in emergency rooms to coordinate mental health care with primary care staff. GART will also work with family members of older adults to ensure that each older adult receives the highest level of mental health services available.

The second program provides peer counseling intervention for children, transition-aged youth and adults to reduce the trauma, suicide risk and other negative outcomes associated with the experience of serious mental health issues.

The third program allocates funds to establish culturally-competent community outreach, engagement and education PEI programs for the African American community. This program will serve to increase access to mental health services, stigma reduction, and enhanced collaboration between community-based organizations.

Proposition 63, passed by California voters in 2004, establishes dedicated funding to expand and support mental health services throughout the State. Appointed by the Assembly Speaker, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi serves as a commissioner on the MHOAC charged with implementing Proposition 63 funds and services.

### Berkeley Lab Receives \$122 Million Grant from U.S. Department of Energy to Develop Fuels from Sunlight



Announced in July, Berkeley Lab and lead partner Caltech have recently been awarded a \$122 million grant from the Department of Energy for the Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis (JCAP). The award funds research for a period of five years that will help reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and move towards sustainable energy resources.

JCAP will conduct research to generate fuel from sunlight by replicating the natural occurrence of photosynthesis in plants and artificially store the sun's vast energy in a state of containment that can later be easily utilized for our nation's energy needs. These facilities and their respective world-renowned scientists have a long history of innovation and success in bringing to the market place and government services, technology for the benefit of our planet. This project has the ability to

fundamentally change the global energy landscape within our generation.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was pleased to support the JCAP project as it went through the grant request process.

### Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Receives the *Liberty Award* from ICAS

On August 14, the Institute for Corean-American Studies (ICAS) presented the Liberty Award to Assemblymember Mary Hayashi for “distinguished achievements and important contributions to the ideal of promoting humanity” at its Summer Symposium in Philadelphia.

ICAS recognized the Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's commitment to health care and the numerous bills she has authored on health care reform. They include AB 108, which prohibits health plans and insurers from rescinding an individual health insurance policy, protecting consumers from losing their health care coverage during the times they need it most; AB 235, a mental health parity bill which requires insurers to cover treatment for psychiatric emergencies without prior authorization; and AB 509, which served as the catalyst for establishing California's first Office of Suicide Prevention.

Established in 1973, ICAS promotes pertinent relations and conducts appropriate activities to enhance cooperation and to pursue peace and prosperity in association with people of mutual interests, with a special emphasis on multilateral relations between the United States and Asia-Pacific rim nations. Its membership includes individuals from varied sectors embracing academic, corporate, cultural, educational, international and other related fields.



## Community Resources for Independent Living Honors Assemblymember Mary Hayashi



On July 26<sup>th</sup>, Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) presented Assemblymember Mary Hayashi with a Community Partner Certificate in recognition for her legislative work that “greatly contributes to improving the lives of residents with disabilities through public policy legislation and increased access to community services and programs.”

The Honorable Dennis Hayashi, Superior Court Judge and husband of Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, accepted the award on her behalf. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi was honored to receive the award on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The award is proudly hanging in her capitol office in Sacramento to remind visitors of the need to continue to provide the community services critical for allowing all Californians the opportunity to living independently within their own communities.



## Eden Housing Provides Scholarships to Area Students



On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi recognized 12 students who were selected to receive educational scholarships at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Howard T. Collins Memorial Scholarship Awards ceremony sponsored by Eden Housing in Hayward. The scholarships were awarded to residents of Eden’s housing communities who are currently seeking college degrees or are preparing for college.

The scholarship program is named after Howard T. Collins who was an active, dedicated member of Eden Housing’s Board of Directors for many years and believed that everyone should have an opportunity to achieve his or her educational goals. Congratulations and best wishes to all of the students in their future endeavors!

## Hayward’s DMV Office Temporarily Closed for Remodeling Until October 3<sup>rd</sup>

The California Department of Motor Vehicles, Hayward Branch will be temporarily closed from August 13, 2010 to October 3, 2010 for remodeling. DMV will reopen on Monday, October 4, 2010 for normal business hours.

For more information please visit the California’s DMV Website at: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/home/dmv.htm>

Other local offices in Oakland, Pleasanton and Fremont are open to serve you:

### Oakland

501 85th Avenue  
Oakland, 94621  
(800) 777-0133

### Pleasanton

6300 W. Las Positas Boulevard  
Pleasanton, 94588  
(800) 777-0133

### Fremont

4287 Central Avenue  
Fremont, 94536  
(800) 777-0133



## Dublin Hills Regional Park Opens with Great Fanfare



On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and the City of Dublin held a grand opening celebration of the Dublin Hills Regional Park, the latest EBRPD park in its 55 park system.

Located atop of the Calaveras Ridge, the 520 acres park is situated between the San Ramon Valley to the east and the Hayward, Castro Valley and San Leandro communities to the west. It adds 1.5 miles of trail to the Calaveras Ridge Regional Trail, which connects six regional parks from Sunol to Martinez. The park also offers a 1.6 mile loop trail, and the scenic Donlan Point reaching a height of 1,138 feet above sea level and merely a half a mile from the park's parking lot. Assemblymember Mary Hayashi authored a resolution recognizing this significant addition to our regional parks and thanked EBRPD for their efforts in making the park a treasure for future generations.

## City of Dublin Celebrates the Grand Opening of Fallon Sports Park



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi presented an official resolution on August 28<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Fallon Sports Park's grand opening in Dublin. The park was named after one of Dublin's founders, Jeremiah Fallon, who came to this area from Ireland.

More than \$12 million was invested in the first phase of the 60-acre Fallon Sports Park. Some of the amenities the park offers for its Dublin residents are two little league fields, two lighted softball fields, four lighted basketball courts, four lighted tennis courts, two lighted synthetic turf soccer fields, and a BMX practice course. Future phases will include additional little league and softball fields, turf soccer fields, bocce ball courts, volleyball courts, and children's play areas.

Fallon Sports Park stands as a fine testament to the residents of the City of Dublin, who, through their support of civic projects and programs, display their great community pride.

## Castro Valley Creek Park Opens Adjacent to Castro Valley Library



The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District unveiled its latest park, the Castro Valley Creek Park, on August 20<sup>th</sup>, located at 3600 Northbridge Avenue, adjacent to the new Castro Valley Library and the renovated Castro Valley Creek. This small gem of a park, with its "Rocks and Ropes" theme, offers intriguing play structures conducive to creative play by young visitors. The location offers families a recreational area for exercise and healthy living just steps from the beautiful library.

As part of Hayward Area Recreation and Park District's overall mission of serving the open space and recreational needs of the Castro Valley community, this new park joins a growing network of neighborhood parks located throughout Hayward and unincorporated Alameda County.

## **State Public Works Board Meeting and Agenda**



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi has been appointed to the State Public Works Board (SPWB) as a legislative advisor. The State Public Works Board was created by the Legislature to oversee the fiscal matters associated with construction of projects for state agencies, and to select and acquire real property for state facilities and programs. The SPWB is also the issuer of lease-revenue bonds, which is a form of long term financing that is used to pay for capital projects.

The Legislature appropriates funds for capital outlay projects such as acquiring land, planning and constructing new buildings, expanding or modifying existing buildings, and/or purchasing equipment related to such construction. Through review and approval processes, the SPWB ensures that capital outlay projects adhere to the Legislature's appropriation intentions.

### **Next Board Meeting:**

Monday, September 13th, 10:00 am  
State Capitol, Room 113

[MEETING NOTICE CLICK HERE](#)

Online Link: <http://www.spwb.ca.gov>

## **Events**

### **Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Hosts a Senior Health Fair in San Leandro – Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi is hosting a free Senior Health Fair on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the San Leandro Main Library, Karp Room located at 300 Estudillo Avenue in San Leandro. Seniors will have an opportunity to learn about important changes related to prescription drugs including federal Medicare Part D coverage, health care reform, and new state pharmacy regulations that will provide California consumers with greater rights.

A Speakers Series will include a discussion with representatives from the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) and the State Board of Pharmacy. Best of all, seniors will have an opportunity to participate in free health screenings. Reservations are required to attend by calling the District Office at (510) 583-8818.

## Assemblymember Hayashi's Previous Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California Alliance for Retired Americans	100% Rating
California Labor Federation	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California Public Interest & Research Group	100% Rating
California Small Business Association	Highest Ranking
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California	100% Rating
Sierra Club	100% Rating

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## Resources Available

### Publication Available



H1N1 (Swine) Flu



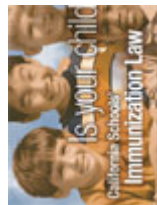
Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



California's Economic Stimulus Package



Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



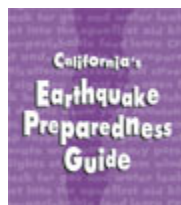
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available online or in print through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

## State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find these and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web surfers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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